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SECURITY INFORMATION

DD/P Project Approval Sheet

Project Cryptonym LCCASSOCK Amendment No. _____

Sub-Project Cryptonym _____

Originating Division EE

Approved -- ~~Disapproved~~ C I 12 Feb. '54
Date

Comments: This action in no way constitutes a commitment regarding

the projects FY '55 budget level.

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Division Project Clearance Sheet

Project Cryptonym: BGSCART/LCCASSOCK

Sub-Project Cryptonym: NA (if applicable)

Amendment No: NA (If applicable)

Developed by: E X 3927 EE/PP/G 26 Jan 54
Case Officer Organization Date

Reviewed by: E EE/PP/G 26 Jan 54
Branch Chief Organization Date
E 28 Jan 54
Div. PP Chief - E 28 Jan 54
E 28 Jan 54
Branch Chief, EE/PI/G 28 Jan 54
E 28 Jan 54
Div. Budget and Finance Officer Date

(COMMO - see memo attached)

EE Div. / Press George Gales 3 Feb 54
Budget Dir. 3 Feb 54
STC/SPB 1 Feb 54

Concurrences: STAFF "C" 1 Feb 54
COVER DIV. 1 Feb 54

Forwarded by: DC/EE 1 Feb 54
Division Chief - E 4 Feb 54

Comments (This space reserved for Division Chief):
1 Funds available, subject to approval of administrative Plan. 1000.
C/Admin 4 Feb 54
for DC, PP/OPS 5 Feb 54
for CPP - with understanding that
this action does not constitute commitment
to a budget level of \$E. 73-55. JK.

* This becomes official date of project outline.

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TO : Chief, EE/G 29 January 1954
ATTN :
FROM : Assistant Director for Communications
SUBJECT: Project LCCASSOCK

1. Subject project has been reviewed by this Office. No Communications facilities beyond those already existing will be required in support of this project.

2. It is intended that this memorandum shall accompany subject project when presented for approval in lieu of a Communications Annex for the project.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS:

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PROJECT Cryptonym: BGSCARF/LCCASSOCK

Originating Division: EE

a. Division Chief:	L	☐	Ext. 2062
b. Branch Chief:	L	☐	Ext. 3311
c. Case Officer:	L	☐	Ext. 3927

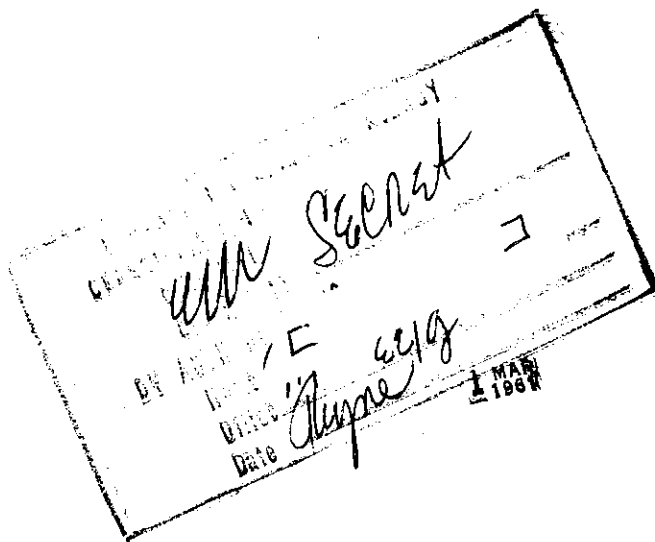
Target Area: East Germany

Type of Project: Political

Financial Mechanism: Subsidy

Funds requested: \$L ☐, for third and fourth quarters of FY 54.

Current Status: Operative during FY 53 under HICOG grant and ZRCANDY funds. Not previously approved.



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LCCASSOCK PROJECT OUTLINE

1. OBJECTIVE:

Project LCCASSOCK is designed to prepare, print, and clandestinely distribute to selected East German and East Berlin target groups falsified editions of regularly licensed East German publications and other propaganda media such as pamphlets, leaflets and stickers. In addition, the LCCASSOCK organization can provide intelligence information pertaining to the East Zone, as a by-product of distribution operations.

2. ORIGIN & POLICY GUIDANCE:

- a. Origin: NSC 10/2 and EE/PP Strategic Plan, Part 2 Paragraph 2
- b. Whence proposed: The project was originated in the field.

3. SITUATION:

United States foreign policy aims at the gradual reduction of the area of Soviet occupation and the liberation of the peoples in Soviet-occupied territory. To achieve this objective through peaceful means requires the development among the peoples in these areas of a state of mind favorable to United States policy objectives and the maintenance of popular confidence in continuing Western concern for their eventual liberation.

Among the media of information adaptable to this purpose, falsified editions of official East German publications are particularly effective, because (1) they can be infiltrated and distributed in East Germany with a minimum of personal risk to the bearer, and (2) the contents of these editions can be directed, as propaganda needs and opportunities warrant, at specific Soviet Zone groups which are normally inaccessible to Western propaganda, such as the People's Police, the East German youth organization (FDJ), and the East German political parties, such as the LDP.

The value and advantages of this project, therefore, derive from the fact that it adds an effective propaganda and distribution mechanism to the psychological warfare facilities supported and controlled by the German Mission.

4. PROPOSAL:

It is proposed that CIA provide:

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(1) Financial support to the LCCASSOCK staff organization and distribution groups in the amount of \$2.50 per annum, for the production and distribution in East Berlin and East Germany of falsified issues of bona fide East German magazines. In addition the LCCASSOCK organization will prepare, at the request of the German Mission, other types of propaganda such as leaflets, pamphlets and stickers.

(2) Editorial direction, guidance, and supervision of the production of these falsified magazines, and miscellaneous propaganda to be exercised through a staff officer in the field and a case officer in the home office.

5. OPERATIONAL OUTLINE:

a. Sub-proposals; The LCCASSOCK organization has demonstrated that it is particularly capable and effective in the preparation of propaganda material which is directed at specific target groups in East Germany. All of the publications thus far produced within the scope of LCCASSOCK have indicated that the group is unique, in that, as a small organization, it has the capability of preparing a number of different "professional type" magazines, each of which contains a convincing amount of technically correct information. Furthermore, reports which have been returned through the distribution channels have indicated that the stratagem of duplicating exactly the format and make-up of legitimate East German publications is in itself an unusual psychological attraction to readers of LCCASSOCK publications even after their true character may have been recognized. By duplicating the outer covers of legitimate East German publications, unusual distribution methods may be used which facilitate bringing copies directly into the hands of specific target groups.

b. Key personnel: The Principal Agent of project LCCASSOCK is the director and organizer of the LCCASSOCK staff and distribution groups. Formerly a free-lance journalist, he has been engaged in the publication and distribution of falsified East German newspapers and magazines since early 1950. A cleared indigenous agent residing in West Berlin, he was first contacted by a CIA staff officer in the fall of 1950, but was not utilized actively until April 1952.

c. Indigenous groups:

✓ (1) The LCCASSOCK HEADQUARTERS staff is located in West Berlin. Although the size of the permanent staff varies from time to time on the basis of workload, it is currently composed of the Principal Agent, two editors, one security specialist, one administrative assistant, two secretaries and one safehouse keeper. The Principal Agent and the two editors who write or rewrite the material for distribution have journalistic backgrounds and have had personal experience with conditions in the East Zone. In addition to the permanent headquarters staff, free lance journalists who have a specialized knowledge of various aspects of East Zone life are employed on a one time and/or irregular basis.

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(2) The LCCASSOCK distribution net is divided into four separate groups, each of which is directed by a different individual. While the number of distributors of specific LCCASSOCK issues varies in accordance with the area and professional group to which the publication is targeted, the total number of LCCASSOCK distributors presently averages close to 100. Approximately 50% of the LCCASSOCK output is distributed through the project's own distribution nets in East Germany. The remainder is distributed through refugee groups, Berlin youth organizations, labor unions and similar organizations with whom the Principal Agent has established firm working relations. Distribution is carried out through those channels and by methods which are determined to be most capable of reaching the specific target group for whose consumption the publication is designed. In every case, final distribution is made by hand.

d. Target group: The target group for each dummy issue is determined by the political, operational and security considerations of the time that distribution is to take place. The most frequent target groups have been the functionaries of the LDP, the SED, the People's Police and East Zone farmer and labor groups.

e. Duration: The project is designed to continue for an indefinite length of time.

f. See Attachment A for a graphic representation of the areas of distribution.

6. SECURITY:

a. Cover: Several wealthy Germans who were formerly German Naval colleagues of the Principal Agent are being used as cover for the source of funds for the project. This cover is backstopped, in that, should an inquiry be made as to source of funds, these individuals are willing to assert that they have been and are supporting the LCCASSOCK organization's activities.

b. Knowledgeability:

(1) Both the Principal Agent and the security officer are aware that they are dealing with official representatives of the United States Government.

(2) Plans are being made to coordinate CIA's support of LCCASSOCK with the Federal Republic Ministry for All-German

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Affairs (Kaiser Ministry). The LCCASSOCK organization was subsidized irregularly by the Kaiser Ministry for one-time operations from May 1950 until the summer of 1951. At that time the subsidy was put on a regular basis and provided for the production and distribution, in 20,000 copies each, of two dummy East German newspapers monthly. The Principal Agent's operations on behalf of the Kaiser Ministry were suspended in May 1952, as the result of personality differences and controversy with that office over terms of operation. They were resumed in May 1953, when Kaiser Ministry supported the production of one regular issue per month, but were again terminated in October 1953.

c. Operational security: Due to the increasing amount of attention being shown by Soviet authorities to Western psychological warfare activities, security consciousness is maintained at a high level during all operations conducted by the LCCASSOCK group. In the past, in an effort to maintain compartmentation, only one member of the headquarters staff has had contact with the distribution groups, and this same employee and the principal agent were the only persons who dealt with the printing house, which is located in West Berlin.

d. Risks: The most serious risk involved in this operation would be incurred by the defection or kidnapping of the Principal Agent or of other members of the headquarters organization. What was strongly believed to have been an attempt to kidnap the Principal Agent was made in the summer of 1952, when two unknown persons contacted the Principal Agent under highly suspicious circumstances, but it was rendered unsuccessful through the efforts of the LCCASSOCK security officer and the cooperation of the HICOG Office of Public Safety. Because of the nature of the project, that of disseminating anti-Communist propaganda, and the fact that the area of operations is the East Zone of Germany, it is believed that repercussions in the event of a compromise would not be very great either in the United States or abroad.

e. Personnel disposal: It is not believed that disposal of personnel will constitute an abnormal problem either during or at the termination of the project.

f. Disaster plan: Transfer of individuals involved in this operation and the abandonment and/or destruction of incriminating materials in the event of a hot war will take place in accordance with the Eastern European Division's Disaster Plan for Germany.

7. COORDINATION:

a. Relation to other projects: As the publication of falsified magazines requires a considerable amount of detailed, correct and exact

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information on the specific subject of the magazine selected, the LCCASSOCK editors must rely upon the expert advice of specialist organizations. To this end, the Principal Agent has developed excellent contacts among such organizations as DTLINEN, CADROIT, the German trade unions, refugee organizations, etc., which render technical assistance and supply specialized information as required.

b. Significance within over-all program in area: Project LCCASSOCK, as part of the BGSCARF program for information media, constitutes a valuable PP asset in that it promotes the spirit of resistance of the East Zone population by providing highly specialized propaganda material which can be tailored to fit specific groups, which are not generally accessible to Western propaganda, at the politically most opportune moment. In addition it is expected that LCCASSOCK facilities will be used to replace some of the former BGSCARF/QKBACON production.

c. Extent of coordination: The coordination necessary for the successful achievement of the project objectives will be established through the CIA German Mission with other agencies of the United States Government requiring knowledge of this operation, such as the Counter Intelligence Corps. To date, this project has been coordinated with HICOG, in connection with the transfer of HICOG funds to the CIA German Mission to finance LCCASSOCK, and the utilization of the HICOG Office of Public Safety for investigating a suspected kidnapping plot against the Principal Agent. In addition, plans are being made for the coordination of the project with the West German Government (see 6 b (2)).

8. CONTROL

a. Nature: The field will exercise direct control by means of financial aid and editorial guidance. Secondary control will be exercised by the CIA German Mission, which will control the field operations, and by Headquarters, which will exercise normal financial, editorial, and administrative, control of this project. Editorial control in the field will be exercised in the following manner: each publication to be falsified will be selected by the Case Officer and Principal Agent upon the basis of a joint analysis of which East German magazine would be the most effective vehicle for carrying a specific and timely propaganda message to a selected target audience. The LCCASSOCK editors will write the articles for the magazine on the basis of broad principles established between the Case Officer and the Principal Agent. Prior to actual distribution, the Case Officer

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will make a final check of the printed edition.

b. Administrative plan: An Administrative Plan has been prepared for LCCASSOCK, and coordinated by the appropriate offices.

c. Reports: The usual reports requirements, as outlined in RI 50-11 and implementing regulations, will apply to this project. Reports covering the distribution of each falsified edition and of the miscellaneous propaganda will be submitted to the Principal Agent by the distribution group. Distribution reports and reports of effectiveness will be consolidated by the Principal Agent and submitted to the Case Officer.

9. BUDGET DATA:

a. Total CIA funds required for FY 54: Total CIA funds which are requested for the third and fourth quarter of FY 54 amount to \$LC 1 (See Attachment C for a financial breakdown).

b. Availability of Funds: CIA funds in the amount of \$LC 1 are available for Project LCCASSOCK from the EE Division allotment of FY 54.

c. Non-CIA Funds: With the approval of this project, no non-CIA funds will be utilized.

d. Foreign:currency: NA

e. Funding: Funds which are advanced by the field finance officer to the project case officer will be charged to the project as an obligation. The case officer will give the funds directly to the Principal Agent, who, in turn, will provide monthly accountings showing how the money was utilized. Upon receipt of these accountings the field finance officer will write off the obligated funds as an expenditure.

f. Financial history: In February 1952 the Principal Agent applied to HICOG for a grant to enable him to continue his anti-Communist activities. In line with the established policy by which HICOG engages only in "white" or "gray" psychological warfare activities, and by which CIA has the sole responsibility for truly covert operations, HICOG agreed to turn over the agent and his facilities to the German Mission. An arrangement between the HICOG Office of Public Affairs; Policy Staff, and the German Mission was effected on the basis of which HICOG grant of DM 1 (\$LC 1) per month, for a period of nine months beginning 1 April 1952, was made available to the German Mission to finance the LCCASSOCK operation. The total sum of DM 1 (\$LC 1) was passed by HICOG to the German Mission on 2 April 1952. The project is listed in HICOG files as Project CF-75 (PUB Contingency Fund). To provide for the continuation of the project following the expiration of the HICOG grant, the home office, on 19 December 1952, authorized the field to obligate up to DM 1 (\$LC 1) of ZRCANDY funds (ECA counterpart funds turned over

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to CIA) to carry LCCASSOCK through the third quarter of FY 1953, at the rate of DM 1.00 per month. On 2 April 1953, the field was authorized to spend up to DM 1.00 (\$1.00) ZRCANDY funds for the fourth quarter of FY 53. During the first half of FY 54 the field was authorized to spend up to DM 1.00 (\$1.00) ZRCANDY for the production and distribution of two dummy issues per month in 20,000 copies each and of miscellaneous propaganda.

g. Future Requirements: It is anticipated that a total of \$1.00 will be required for FY 55. (See Attachment B).

10. SUPPORT DATA:

a. Total CIA personnel: Total CIA personnel necessary for the project will be one field and one headquarters case officer on a part-time basis. These personnel are presently available.

b. Material: NA

c. Communications: No communications facilities beyond those now available to the CIA German Mission will be necessary.

d. Other CIA support: NA

e. Support from other United States agencies: No support from other United States agencies will be required other than that presently available to the German Mission, such as Counter Intelligence Corps and HICOG Office of Public Safety.

11. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

a. Current status: Project LCCASSOCK is already operative under the BGSCARF program covering information media. A CIA staff officer first contacted the Principal Agent in the fall of 1950, but did not utilize him actively until April 1952, when the agent applied for a HICOG grant to enable him to continue his anti-communist activities and was turned over by HICOG to the German Mission for exploitation. From April 1952 until the present the LCCASSOCK organization has produced and distributed with PP support approximately thirty (30) falsified issues of East German newspapers or magazines in 20,000 copies each.

b. Commitments: The Principal Agent has been promised assistance to himself and family and to four members of his staff in the event of the necessity for evacuation.

c. Effectiveness: The effectiveness of the project has been demonstrated by distribution reports, by letters and pictures sent by East Zone readers to an LCCASSOCK cover address, and by remarks of East Zone officials concerning LCCASSOCK material.

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d. Anticipated results: See paras 3 and 5 a.

e. Evaluation: The effectiveness of LCCASSOCK material will be evaluated through reports from distributors, letters written by East Zone readers, and by comments by East Zone officials. It is not anticipated that any special support is required to effect evaluation.

f. Policy questions: NA

g. Congress: NA

h. Extra-Agency action: NA

i. Proprietary companies: NA

j. Special considerations: NA

k. Liquidation: No termination problems are anticipated.

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PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA		PROJECT CRYPTONYM LOCASSOCK			
		FISCAL PERIOD COVERED 1 January 195 4 THRU 30 JUNE 195 4			
*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION					
RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION EE/PP/G		CASE OFFICER			
A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS					
Indicate number and type of personnel required and estimated total compensation for salary, allowances, travel and related employee benefits. Include everyone paid from project.					
TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U. S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES					
STAFF AGENTS					
CAREER AGENTS					
CONTRACT AGENTS					
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS					
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS		8			\$
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER					
TOTAL A.					\$
B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT					
Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.					
COMMO	CHEMICAL	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES		OTHER SUPPLIES	
\$	\$	\$		18,000 C.R.	
MEDICAL	ORDNANCE	SPECIAL DEVICES		OTHER EQUIPMENT	
\$	\$	\$		\$	
TOTAL B. \$2,000 C.R.					
C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.					
Distribution	_____	\$	_____	(See attach. B to Project Outline)	
Printing	_____	_____	_____		
Rent	_____	_____	_____		
Security	_____	_____	_____		
Travel	_____	_____	_____		
Other	_____	_____	_____		
TOTAL C. \$27,500 \$ _____					
C.R. D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS					
If funds are to be turned over to individuals or groups in large lump sums to be expended by the individuals or groups at their discretion to accomplish an agreed-upon objective, explain the type of financial accounts, factual verification or statements, if any, other than a receipt for the lump sum, which will be obtained.					
See Section II, para 4 of Administrative Plan					
TOTAL D.					
TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D) \$ _____					

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E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

APPROXIMATE DATES AND AMOUNTS OF MONEY REQUIRED

FORM REQUIRED

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U. S. DOLLARS

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FOREIGN (SPECIFY)

☐

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (SPECIFY)

SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION

F. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

(Within security limitations, list any other facts or circumstances which will enable Special Support Staff to lend adequate logistical support to this project. Indicate specificationally the "RUSH" or "TIME" factors involved.)

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NOTE:

The first section of this chart indicates, in a codified manner, the number of falsified magazines which were printed each month from April through October 1952. The second section contains a sketch of the East Zone of Germany and the cities where the greatest number of magazines were distributed during the period of seven months. The third section contains a graph indicating the total distribution of Laender. The 0.7 per cent of the distribution which is indicated as being sent to Western Germany is the estimate of the number of copies which are sent by various of the distribution groups to their West German counterparts for information and analysis. The fourth section of the chart indicates the number of copies of each issue which were distributed in the indicated Laender. The consistently high number of issues which are distributed in Land Thuringia reflects the abilities of ^{the PA's} ~~Marbach's~~ own distribution groups which are centered, to a certain extent, in that area. The last section contains a graph which shows the number of falsified magazines which have been distributed in 31 cities in Eastern Germany. As indicated on the chart, 60 per cent of the distribution is initiated in these cities, and the remaining 40 per cent is sent to smaller localities.

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STATISTIK DES VERTRIEBES

für die Aktionen:

		Auflage:
1.	IV/52 April L D P - Inf.	20 000
2.	V/52 Mai Junger Gottlieb	20 000
3.	VI/52 Juni V 4	20 000
4.	VII/52 Juli Juchzender Goethe	20 000
5.	VIII/52 August Jagende Gewalt	20 000
6.	IX/52 Septemb. V 5	20 000
7.	X/52 Oktob. V 6	20 000

GESAMTAUFLAGE: 140.000

GEOGRAPHISCHE LAGE ANTI DER HAUPTVERTRIEBSORTE

(APRIL-OKTOBER 1952)

Diese Orte machen mehr als 50% des Vertriebes aus, der Rest verteilt sich auf viele kleine Orte.

Zeichenerklärung:

- mehr als 4000 Stück verteilt
- mehr als 3000 Stück verteilt
- mehr als 2500 Stück verteilt
- mehr als 2000 Stück verteilt
- mehr als 1000 Stück verteilt
- mehr als 500 Stück verteilt



34 700
= 24,8%

275
= 1,9%

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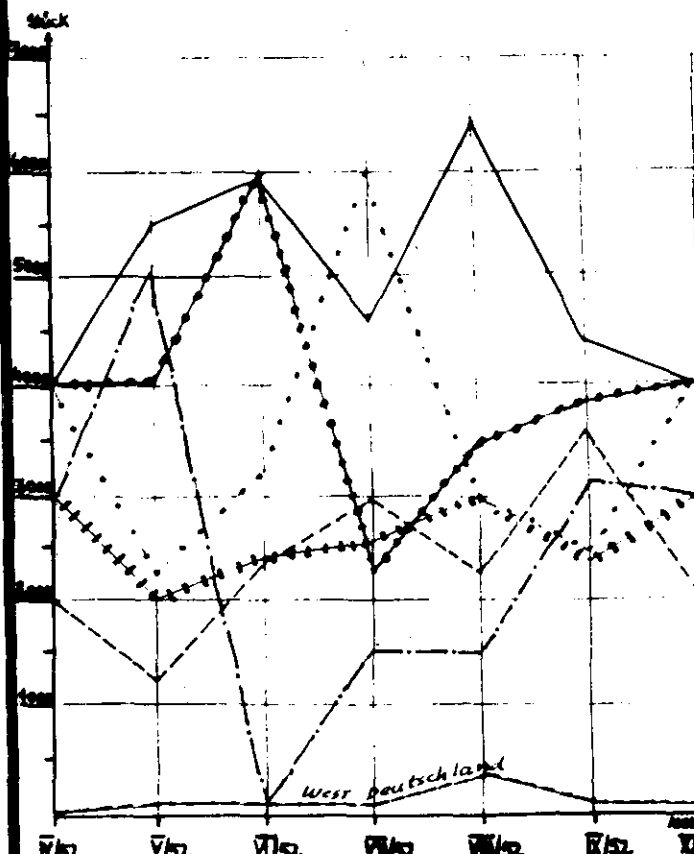
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(APRIL-OKTOBER 1952)

SAMTVERTRIEB: 140000

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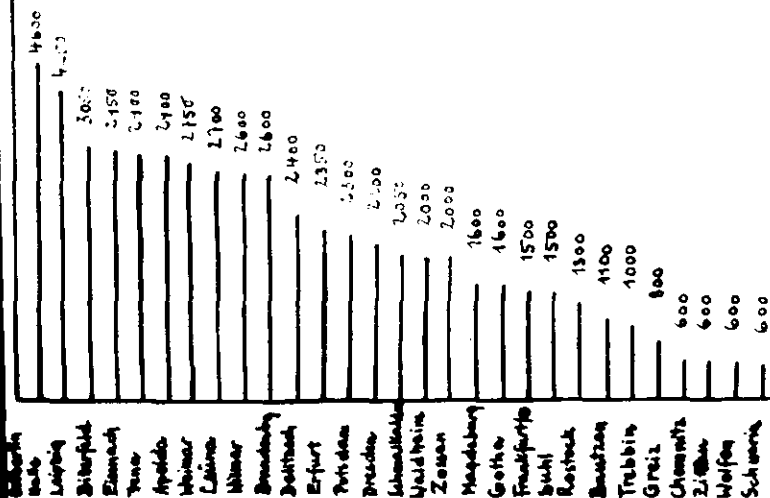


Zeichenerklärung:

- Thüringen
- Sachsen
- ... Sachsen-Anhalt
- Mecklenburg
- Ostberlin
- Brandenburg
- Westdeutschland

ANTEIL DER HAUPTVERTEILUNGSSORTE AM VERTRIEB

Diese Orte machen etwa 60% des Gesamtvertriebes aus, der Rest entfällt auf viele kleine Orte.



Stand: 1. Januar 1953

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 1954 Budget Data

1. Submitted herewith is the estimate of the budgetary requirements for the third and fourth quarters of FY 1954 for Project LCCASSOCK. Figures are in \$ or \$ equivalent of foreign currencies per conversion rates described in EGQA 2522.

A. Proposed FY 1954 (third and fourth quarters),

Total \$

B. Breakdown of object classification:

02 Travel expense chargeable to project, (Agent's travel)	<u> </u>
03 Transportation of things. (Agent's household effects)	<u> </u>
04 Communications costs of project. (Telephone, telegraph Mailing) (This item includes cost of distribution)	<u> </u>
05 Rents and Utility Services. (Rent, Heat, Light etc.)	<u> </u>
06 Printing, Reproduction and Binding.	<u> </u>
07 Other Administrative Contractual Services.	<u> </u>
071 Compensation to Agents, Cut-outs, Informants etc.	<u> </u>
076 Subsidy Payments. (On Headquarters approved Subsidy Proj.)	<u> </u>
077 Indegenous Housekeeping Personal Services	<u> </u>
078 Operational Entertainment (Of and by Agents)	<u> </u>
08 Supplies and Materials (Expendable)	<u> </u>
09 Equipment (Non-expendable)	<u> </u>
10 Security Measures	<u> </u>